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Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

I think the government has demonstrated that Microsoft has monopoly power in operating systems for personal computers, and the evidence shows that it uses that power in various ways to further its own ends to the detriment of consumers. Microsoft claims to innovate, but in fact Microsoft copies the work of smaller innovative companies and then uses its monopoly power to supplant their businesses. Even throughout the trial period, Microsoft has continued to engage in these practices in new business areas such as streaming media. Microsoft's ownership of the operating system franchise makes this practice possible. This situation does not encourage innovation; on the contrary it puts a damper on it because no one can afford to compete with Microsoft.

I urge the DOJ to do something to stop this practice. The current settlement seems to be nothing more than a slap on the wrist. This is very disappointing.

Sincerely,

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